A field day competition Saturday brought these members of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' club out to a point near W. North av. and Brookfield rd. Using the club's mobile unit are L. G. Thelaner, sr. (left), 828 S. 104th st., town of Wauwatosa, and Charles Wittkop, 2013 N. 47th st. —Journal Staff

Ham Contest Jams the Air Like Women on Party Line

Ham radio operators jammed the air waves Saturday like housewives scrambling to monopolize a party line telephone. They took part in an annual field day contest.

About 75 Milwaukee operators, grouped in three teams, were entered in the nation-wide competition which closes at 4 p.m. Sunday. It's scored on a point system according to equipment used and number of radio contacts made. About 1,500 contacts is considered par.

At W. North av. and Brookfield rd., the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' club set up two outdoor transmitters in tents. Two other sets were set up in the club's mobile trailer, a fifth set in a lodge building, and about five more in roving autos.

The club set up its headquarters on the estate of Robert J. Kieckhefer at Port Washington. About 40 club members alternated at the teams' sending and receiving sets.

The Marquette Radio Amateur club took to the field with three transmitter and receiver sets operated by only six men. The team operated east of highway 100 and north of Watertown Plank rd.

The Milwaukee Amateur Emergency corps sponsored a third team, with a battery of sets near highway 41 north of highway 100.

The test of a good operator is his ability to isolate a signal, to send or receive a message when several hundred others are trying to use a particular wave band for the same thing.

The contest is sponsored by the American Radio Relay league.